

PROBE RAIL WRECK THAT COST 26 LIVES— CHICAGO WOMAN HEROINE



In this photo the body of a man is shown on top of the engine that was pulling the second section of Train No. 86 and crashed into the rear of the first section. The body was hurled from a seat in a coach and landed against the sand box of the engine. One hand of the body is shown extending below clothing and paper that covered the body.

Cleveland, O., March 30.—Investigation to place the blame for the double wreck of 3 New York Central flyers at Amherst, including Twentieth Century Limited, which took toll of 26 lives and injured over 40 persons, 2 fatally, was under way here today.

Evidence already made public show there are but three possible explanations of the cause of the wreck and the probe was to be conducted along these lines:

Did Engineer Herman Hess of the second division of Number 86, whose train collided with the first section,

fail to see a block stop signal?

Did A. R. Ernst, Amherst towerman, fail to set block signal against Hess' train, as Hess alleges?

Did the signal apparatus work properly? Ernst says it was faulty; this the New York Central denies.

The train crews of the Twentieth Century Limited and first section of No. 86 were expected to be absolved.

Morgue attendants at Amherst, the scene of the disastrous New York Central double wreck, today pieced out one whole body from parts of a human form held in two different sacks. Before both sacks were counted as a person each.